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First named inventor: BRUCE FORSBERG

Application No.: 10 / 642, 817

Art Unit: 3724

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Examiner: CHOI, STEPHEN

Title: CANDLE WICK MAINTENANCE INSTRUMENT

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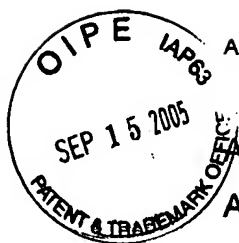
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APPL. NO. 10/642,817

Applicant Bruce Forsberg

Date: September 11, 2005

Appl. No. 10/642,817

Filed 8/19/2003

Title: Candle wick maintenance instrument

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington DC 20231

Petition to Revive

Sir,

Thank you for your response dated September 7, 2005. It was somewhat surprising to receive a notice of abandonment, because that was not my intent. Being a small entity, I do not know all of the rules, regulations, and procedures to follow and was extremely confused upon receipt of a request for additional information and a notice of publication. Hence the reply that asked for clarification. Please also see section 4 below.

As per the request for original election, I have selected Group I for apparatus and have attached a revised patent application that deletes Group II items for method. Also attached is an amended claims section with the word "original" located after each claim number. If this is a requirement for this resubmission, please use this version. There were no claims added or changed. The only claims deleted were in relation to the removed method claims.

As per the latest correspondence I hereby petition to revive this patent and provide the following for unintentional abandonment as per (37 CFR 1.137(b)) and the above referenced letter.

1. The required reply (which has been filed) – The above election has also been included as requested.

2. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.
3. The terminal disclaimer required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d) has been addressed with the selection of a Group I category so that the invention can be appropriately examined and a copy of the revised submission has been attached.
4. A petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) has also been requested. Respectfully request a re-determination of this position. A timely response was requested and a timely response was provided, however due to what appeared to be conflicting received information, additional clarification was requested which effectively was a request for time to clarify and provide the requested information. Almost six months has elapsed since request for clarification and notice of abandonment. I understand that the USPTO has an enormous case backlog and I also think this backlog has contributed to the fact that there was no time remaining. I was prepared to pay the fee to revive the patent until I saw the \$750 figure as compared to the \$150 figure for filing a new patent. Therefore respectfully request the USPTO waive the \$750 fee or at a minimum assess more reasonable fee since we both may shoulder some of the timely response burden. Thank you for your help and consideration in this matter.
5. If the Director requires additional information in order to determine whether the delay was unintentional, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

If any other information is required, please do not hesitate to contract me via e-mail at bforsberg@mchsi.com, bruce.w.forsberg@usace.army.mil, the address on file, or at 256-828-6711.

Respectfully submitted

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Version with markings to show changes made

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) An apparatus for trimming candle wicks comprising:
 - A means of vertically trimming a candle wick
 - A means of candle wick clipping removal from the immediate surroundings of the candle or container
 - A means to hold multiple candle wick clippings in the instrument
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a cutting devise and a backing pad upon which to produce a cutting or trim plane.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a dual opposing cutting devise surface
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a scissor like action or reverse scissors like action.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a loop type cutting tool.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a tweezers like action.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a pocket to hold the wick clipping or multiple wick clippings.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a means of suction is used to vacuum the wick clipping to a holding pocket so that more wicks can be trimmed prior to discard.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a manual tilt ability to be able to move the NUB to the holding pocket by gravity for multiple NUB collection.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the unit is fabricated of metal, glass, ceramic, plastic, of other and combinations of these or like items.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has a length to trim the wick per candle manufacturers established distance above the cooled wax surface of the candle.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instrument has an adjustable length to trim the wick to the operator preferred distance above the cooled wax surface of the candle.